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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
DAIRI KUBO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MILLER, E.  
SERIAL NO: 10/018,856 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 26, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3641  
FOR: GAS GENERANT COMPOSITION :

RESPONSE TO LACK OF UNITY REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction/Lack of Unity Requirement mailed July 15, 2003, the Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has indicated that the claims of Group I have been constructively elected by original presentation.

New Claims 36-40 have been withdrawn from further consideration as lacking the same or corresponding special technical features. The Applicants traverse the holding of the lack of unity of Claims 36-40, because each of these claims depends from, or otherwise includes the limitations of, Claim 1 of Group I. Thus, each of these claims incorporates the special technical features of Group I and would not lack unity. In the event that the lack of unity requirement is maintained, the Applicants respectfully request that Claims 36-40 be rejoined to those of Group I upon an indication of allowability for the subject matter of Claim 1, see MPEP 821.04.

The Applicants now await an action on the merits with respect to the claims of Group

I.

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